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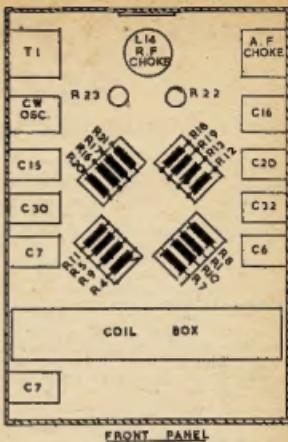
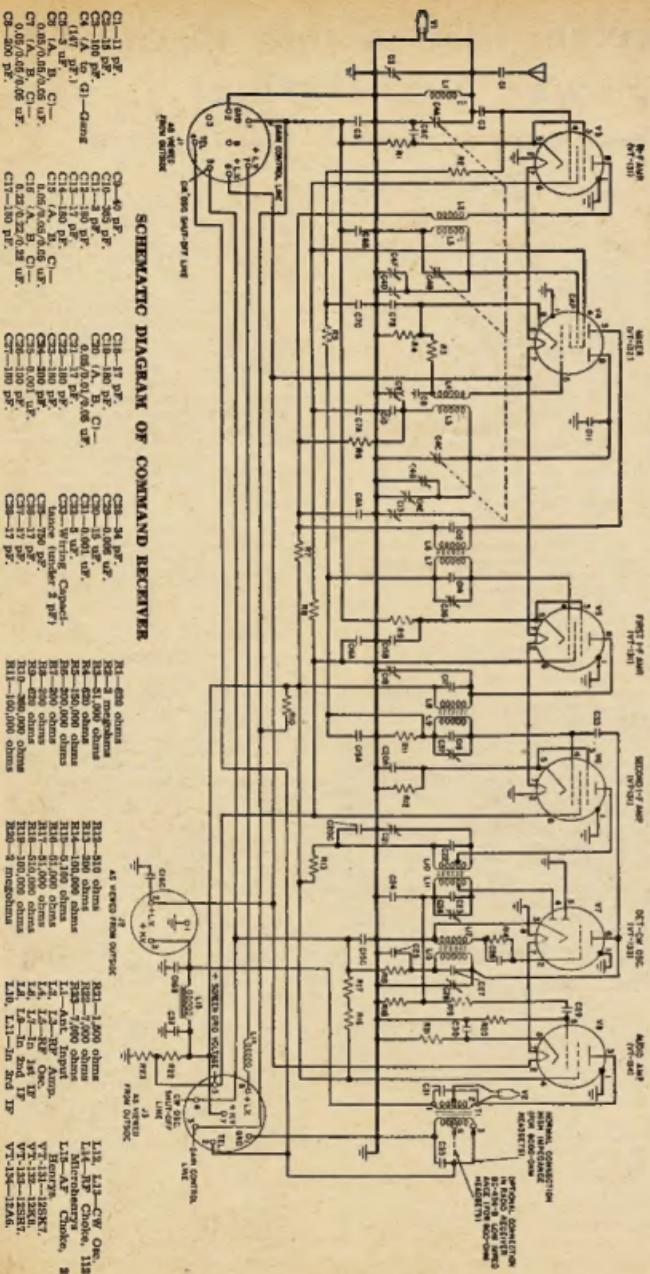
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Her Majesty in spirit during the
great ordeal of her Coronation, will

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of this great occasion, and will be
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pay tribute to a gracious lady and
profess their loyalty, fidelity and
allegiance to Her Majesty Queen
Elizabeth II. of England. May her
reign be long and glorious.

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View of receiver, inverted, and with front panel towards you. There are several other resistors and condensers not shown in the above diagram, but they are easily identifiable by inspection.

The layout and circuit diagram of the BC454A (3-8 Mc.) Receiver shown vary only slightly with different models.

**Ross A. Hull Memorial V.h.f.
Contest, 1953, Results**

This Contest as usual aroused considerable interest and although only 33 logs were submitted, practically every active v.h.f. station participated. Conditions generally were very much poorer than in the prior contest, openings being shorter and localised, and from an analysis of the logs, break-throughs from ZL were very poor except on the northern path to VK4 and even then not as numerous as in the past. The shorter period for the contest was well received.

The outright winner was VK4BT, scoring 1368 points from 271 contacts, followed by VK4KK, 809 points, and VK5QR, 708 points. Certificates will also be issued to the following State and ZL District winners: VK2WH, VK3IM, VK6BO, VK7LZ, ZL1ABG, and ZL2BJ.

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| VK4XJ | 452 | ZL2HP | 199 |
| VK6HK | 447 | VK7AB | 180 |
| VK6WG | 440 | ZL2DS | 128 |
| VK3XK | 386 | VK3ABA | 124 |
| VK2WJ | 370 | VK2HE | 123 |
| ZL2BJ | 356 | VK2EY | 86 |
| VK2DQ | 347 | VK3YS | 67 |
| ZL1ABG | 295 | VK7BQ | 47 |

Check Log: VK3GE, 134 points.

—Federal Contest Committee

More Effective Utilisation of the Small Power Transformer*

An Economical Dual Power Supply for the Novice-Type Transmitter

It is perhaps not generally appreciated that there are some factors entering into the design and use of replacement type power transformers that can be employed to advantage, although in somewhat unconventional fashion, in powering small transmitters. The resultant saving in weight, space, and money is worth considering when laying out a power supply circuit for, for example, a novice, portable, or just plain low-power rag-chewing transmitter consisting of an oscillator, a buffer (possibly), and an 807 or comparable tube as the final amplifier.

The accompanying circuit shows a supply that delivers two voltages—one, approximately 240 volts at a load of 30 Ma. or so; the second, 600 volts at a load of 90 to 100 Ma. The transformer is a replacement type made by several manufacturers, and has a high-voltage secondary rated at 350 volts each side of the centre tap and a d.c. output current of 110 Ma. Yet it is not overloaded when delivering the outputs mentioned above; if anything, it runs considerably cooler than it would at its "normal" ratings.

There is nothing resembling magic in it. It is simply a question of utilising to best advantage the power capacity built into the transformer. There are three reasons why the ratings seemingly can be increased, assuming that a transformer of the receiver or replacement type is properly designed: first, it is built for continuous operation at full load; second, it is designed for working into a condenser-input filter; third, it has filament windings designed to handle a good-sized receiver or amplifier.

CONTINUOUS VS. INTERMITTENT DUTY

The amount of power that a transformer can handle safely is determined by the temperature at which it can operate without danger of damaging the insulation. The temperature in turn is determined by the rate at which heat is generated—i.e., the power loss in the transformer—and the rate at which the generated heat is radiated. The final temperature is reached when these two rates just balance each other.

There are two sources of power loss in a transformer, loss in the iron core—in a given transformer, this loss is practically constant regardless of the power being handled—and loss in the windings because of the current flowing through the resistance of the wire. The latter, generally called "IR" or "copper" loss, is very small (occurring only in the primary) when there is no output, but increases rapidly as more power is drawn from the secondary. Most transformers are designed with the object

• Until you sit down with the catalogues and try to do it, it is hard to appreciate the obstacles that lie in the way of designing a compact and economical power supply for the simple rig—one having one or two receiving type tubes driving an 807 or similar amplifier. This article describes one solution, based on taking about twice the rated amount of plate power from a low-cost replacement type transformer—yet with the transformer running cooler than it would in "normal" service!

The supply is a dual unit furnishing both low-voltage and high-voltage outputs which, depending on line voltage and the particular components used, are approximately 600 to 650 volts at 100 to 130 Ma., and 220 to 240 volts at 25 to 50 Ma. It supplies all filament and plate power for the small transmitter and, when wired as shown in Fig. 1, is intended to be used with a break-in set—that is, the plate and filament voltages are always "on." The heaters of the 6X5GT rectifiers go on immediately when the line cord is attached, but a primary switch is provided for the combination filament-and-plate transformer. This is to make sure the 5V4G rectifier goes into operation, because if the latter tube conducts first a negative voltage appears across the low-voltage tap until the time when the 6X5GTs begin conducting.

If you aren't interested in why this seemingly overload on a small transformer is possible, the information above, plus the captions on the diagram, is about all you need to build and use a similar unit. The information is principally for those who might want to apply similar principles using components having different ratings.

of making the core losses and copper losses just about equal each other when the transformer is delivering its full rated load, because the over-all efficiency of the transformer is highest under such conditions.

Now let us assume that the secondary load is a keyed c.w. transmitter, with the key down approximately half the time. Then the average power loss in the copper is only one-half what it would be were the key held down continuously. Hence we can double the key-down power loss and still not have the average loss exceed the value for which the windings were designed. Since

the loss varies as the square of the current, the current taken by the transmitter can be increased in the ratio of $\sqrt{2}$, or 1.4 times the output current for which the transformer is nominally rated.

This example is somewhat oversimplified, since a transformer of the type we are discussing probably would not be entirely without load with the key up. At least some of the filament windings no doubt would be used, and there would probably be a bleeder across the high-voltage output consuming some power. These would reduce the ratio somewhat. However, the main point applies—if the transformer is designed for continuous operation, more power can be taken from it when a substantial part of the load is intermittent. (By intermittent is meant here that the load is on for relatively short periods—up to several minutes, possibly—and off for at least equal intervals.) But it does not apply to transformers rated for intermittent operation, such as the high power equipment sold under I.C.A.S. ratings.

CONDENSER- VS. CHOKE-INPUT FILTERS

The copper loss in the high-voltage secondary of a transformer working into a condenser-input filter is appreciably higher than it is when the same secondary delivers the same d.c. output current through a properly-designed choke-input filter. This is because the current waveform is highly distorted with condenser input and the current flows in pulses rather than in a continuous stream. There is no fixed ratio between the secondary losses with the two types of filters; it depends on the filter constants, the transformer characteristics, and the kind of rectifier tube or tubes used.

Measurements made with typical filters of both types, used with the transformer in the circuit diagram, showed that for the same d.c. load current the secondary power loss was between 2 and 2.5 times as great with a condenser-input filter, using a high-vacuum rectifier.† Consequently, about 50 per cent. more current could be taken from the transformer with choke input than with condenser input, for the same secondary heating. Unfortunately, with choke input the d.c. output voltage is considerably lower than with condenser input so there is no marked power advantage—it is simply a matter of swap-

* Although this is a single measurement, it is probably not to assume that the same ratio will hold in another case. For example, in one using a high-vacuum rectifier and an input condenser of about 8 μ F. The ratio will increase if a mercury-vapor rectifier is used, and also to some extent if the capacitance of the input condenser is increased.

ping current for voltage. However, a check of the primary current showed that for the same d.c. power output the primary current with the choke-input filter was only about 0.7 of the value with condenser input. Hence the primary is better utilised with choke input. This is an important consideration, since all the power eventually realised has to pass through the primary.

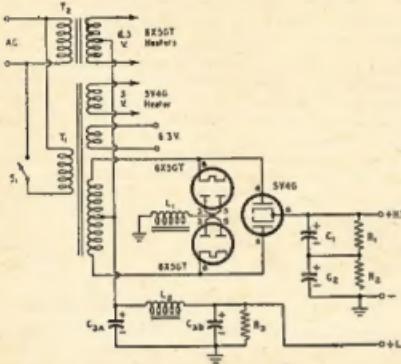


Fig. 1.—Circuit diagram of the dual power supply. Note that the line switch, S1, is not in series with the primary of T2, the filament heating transformer for the 6X5GTs, but controls only the larger transformer, T1. This is to prevent turning on the plate voltage before the 6X5GT cathodes have come up to temperature, for the reason described elsewhere. This unit can be built on a chassis 7" x 7" x 2".

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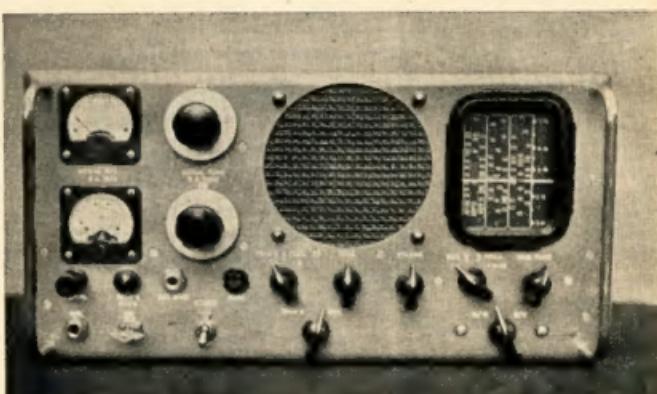
The question is how to cash in on the advantage that results from choke input, since using it reduces the voltage to a value that would not be much good for an 807. There is an "out" in the bridge rectifier.

BRIDGE VS. CENTRE-TAP RECTIFIER

The bridge rectifier is not much used in Amateur circuits, although its characteristics are generally known. Principally, it requires four rectifier elements but does not require a centre tapped transformer. Thus by using the whole secondary the d.c. output voltage is twice what could be secured with a centre-tap rectifier.

It does not automatically follow that the same d.c. output current can be taken in both cases. Twice the voltage at the same current means that the power output is doubled, and that in turn means that the transformer losses are at least doubled in the ordinary case. For example, in a transformer designed for transmitting plate supplies using choke-input filters, the bridge rectifier seldom offers any advantage because if the output voltage is doubled the current must be halved in order to stay within the transformer capabilities. But with a small replacement type transformer we have seen that the secondary loss can at least be cut in half, for the same output current, by changing from condenser to choke input in the filter. In this case, then, the bridge rectifier does offer the possibility of getting twice the voltage at the same current, provided a choke-input filter is used.

Of course this means that the primary must be capable of handling the additional power, and in the type of transformer we have been discussing this is quite possible. First, as described above, there is a reduction in primary current in changing from condenser to choke input. This is worth, in this specific case, about 25 more watts of high-voltage output. Second, in powering a small transmitter we do not usually



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have to make full use of the filament secondaries. Transformers of the general type used here all have a 5-volt 3-amp. winding for the rectifier tube and a 6.3-volt winding with a current rating varying slightly from make to make. This particular one is rated at 4.5 amp., which will do well enough for discussion. If a rectifier tube having a 2-amp. filament is used we release 5 watts to the high-voltage end. If the transmitting tube filaments do not take more than 1.5 amp., a reasonable value, we release an additional 19 watts to the high-voltage supply, a total of 24. Added to the 25 saved by using a choke-input filter, we have close to 50 watts of primary capacity to spare for the extra load we expect to take from the secondary. It is ample.

RECTIFIER CONSIDERATIONS

A bridge rectifier offers some practical difficulties, if the cost is to be kept to a minimum. There would be no problem at all if there were available a double rectifier having separate, indirectly heated cathodes and a cathode-to-heater break-down rating of 1000 volts or so. The best we could find in the tube manuals was the 6X5GT, which is a full-wave rectifier that does not have separate cathodes, and has a heater-cathode rating of only 450 volts peak. Two tubes were required, both to get the needed separate cathodes and also to get sufficient current-carrying capacity, by paralleling the elements in each tube. It was considered out of the question to light the filaments from the 6.3-volt winding on the transformer, since that winding would be connected to negative high voltage and ground in the normal wiring of a transmitter, thus making the peak heater-cathode voltage on each 6X5GT close to 1000 volts. Hence a separate small filament transformer was used for these two tubes, with the secondary connected to the centre tap of the high-voltage winding as shown in Fig. 1. This reduces the peak heater-cathode voltage on each tube to about 500 volts, slightly over the rating but not excessively so.

To use the bridge rectifier with a transformer having appreciably higher secondary voltage would require two extra filament transformers instead of one, so that each rectifier cathode could be connected directly to the filament and thus eliminate the heater-to-cathode voltage problem. The insulation requirement is thereby transferred from the tube to the filament transformer.

FILTERS

The higher output voltage from the bridge rectifier of course necessitates filter condensers having higher working ratings than the ordinary electrolytic. For economy's sake this power supply uses a single-section filter, the input choke, L1, being a type also standard with several manufacturers and rated at 10.5 henrys at 110 Ma. d.c. Although the total current through it is normally around 150 Ma. there is no danger of burning it out, because the intermittent operation considerations apply equally as well to the choke as to the transformer. Since a bleeder is a necessity, a pair of resistors, R1 and R2, is used

to divide the voltage equally so that electrolytic condensers can be used in series.

This power supply uses an old stunt that seems to have dropped out of use in recent years. The d.c. voltage at the centre tap of the high-voltage winding is approximately half the d.c. output voltage from the bridge rectifier (with the 6X5GTs), the secondary forms an "inverted" centre tap rectifier system) and so offers a convenient means for taking off a lower voltage to run an oscillator, the amplifier screen, and so on. This tap is provided with a filter of its own, since good smoothing is needed for the low-level stage or stages in a transmitter. Only the input choke, L1, is common to both filters. It was made common to both in order to save the cost of an extra choke. Entirely separate filters, with both input chokes in the positive lead (as is customary) could be used instead.

A comparison between the circuit shown and separate filters with individual input chokes in the positive lead showed some differences for which we are unable to account completely; putting the choke in the negative lead seems to give some of the characteristics of both choke- and condenser-input filters. We mean by this that the output voltage from the bridge rectifier is higher than it should be, theoretically, with a choke-input filter, although it is not as high as with condenser input. With the choke in the positive lead the load voltage comes down to the proper value. The transformer capacitance shunting the choke when it is in the negative lead has been suggested as an explanation, but tests show that it does not begin to account for the whole effect. The net result is that with a 100 Ma. load the output voltage is 600 with

the choke in the negative lead as against slightly over 500 with it in the positive lead.

HEATING

Several heat runs were made on the unit under representative operating conditions, using it to power a 6V6-807 transmitter in which both tubes were keyed. In a typical run of several hours during which the transmitter was kept on the air as much as possible in ordinary rag-chewing, the secondary winding showed a temperature rise of approximately 35°C. over an ambient temperature of 27°C. (80°F.) and the primary a rise of 31°C. The plate input to the 807 was adjusted to 53 watts (630 volts at 85 Ma.), the figure at which the tube happened to work most efficiently. The measurements were made by the resistance method, and allowing the customary 10° for hot spots gives a final secondary temperature of a little over 70°—far below the 95° generally considered the maximum safe temperature for the type of insulation used in these transformers.

In another more severe test the unit was operated with the same load on continuously for a half hour, off 15 minutes, and on continuously for another hour. The secondary showed a temperature rise of 56° after this test, still within safe limits.

For comparison, a small transformer operated at its ratings in a condenser-input receiver supply also was measured after a few hours of continuous operation, and the temperature rise was measured to be 61°C. Like most transformers in such supplies, the temperature of the small unit was such that the hand could not be held on it continuously. The transformer in it supply



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shown here, on the other hand, while noticeably warm, was by no means too hot to hold continuously, after the "half-hour on, etc." test described above.

OUTPUT VOLTAGES AND CURRENTS

The 40,000 ohm bleeder on the high-voltage tap holds the no-load voltage at about 770 volts (with a line voltage of 117). The no-load voltage on the low tap is held at about 300 by the input choke and high-voltage bleeder, and so the low-voltage bleeder is used simply to discharge the filter condensers. There are no set current ratings on this unit, but as more current is taken from one tap less should be taken from the other. Bear in mind that the current from the low-voltage tap has a greater heating effect on the secondary because it is

coming from a centre-tap rectifier. The transmitter we have used with the unit happens to take about 30 Ma. from the low-voltage tap, at which current the output voltage is 240. Another 20 Ma. could easily be taken for an additional buffer or frequency multiplier.

On the high-voltage side the voltage drops off as the load current is increased, principally because of increased drop in the rectifier tubes. Because of this the practical limit was about 60 watts with the particular transformer used. This is a quite satisfactory power level for a small transmitter. The filtering is more than adequate to bring "pure d.c." reports, the ripple measuring 0.4 per cent on the low-voltage tap and 0.4 per cent on the high voltage, at the load currents mentioned earlier.

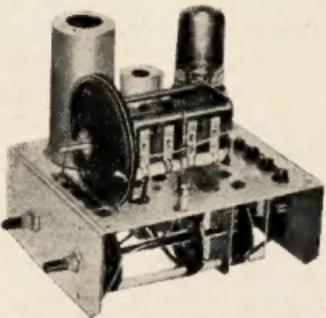
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DAVID MONK ADAMS, VK2AE

It is with deep regret the passing is recorded of Dr. David Monk Adams, VK2AE, at the early age of 30.

David was a very active and enthusiastic Amateur pre-war and became very well known in DX circles—one of the very few Australian amateurs to contest the 100 different countries pre-war. First licensed in 1934, he was then only 14 years of age and probably the youngest Amateur in Australia. He had qualified for his A.O.C.P. sometime previous. In 1937 he had entered the competition of the B.E.R.U. Contest and in 1937 participated in the first Australian National Field Day competition.

David's scholastic career was brilliant, graduating at the University of Sydney with the University Medal in 1942, M.B., B.S. with second-class honours in 1945, and M.Sc. in 1947. He had also completed his thesis for his doctorate in Philately. In 1948 he received a scholarship to the University of Rochester for medical research. On his return he was appointed a lecturer at Sydney University.

David suffered ill-health from an early age and had made concessions for 12 months after a serious illness. He was present at this year's N.S.W. Division's Hamfest and spoke of his plans for a re-entry into the hobby.

His family and his many friends condoleances are extended.

JACK KEBBLEWHITE, VK2IN

The news of the passing of Jack Kebblewhite, VK2IN, on 10th May, at the age of 40, was received with deep regret.

Jack, also known as Kebblewhite, was an ardent radio enthusiast for many years and was nearly sixty years of age when he qualified for his A.O.C.P. He learned the Morse code thoroughly and was always an amateur radio operator. He had a special interest in music and using folded dipole contacts much DX on c.w. and phone. He was active at times on all bands 10 through to 86 m. His equipment always however was primitive. He admitted all who had the privilege of inspecting it.

Keb was an ardent supporter of the W.L.A. although not actively engaged in its affairs—his business connections were too extensive to allow him to do so. The W.L.A. Radio lay in a strong and effective Institute.

Jack in civil life was a leading Sydney businessman—Managing Director of Beard Watsons Ltd., for 25 years.

To his family condoleances are extended.

FEDERAL QSL BUREAU

RAY JONES, VK3RJ, MANAGER

Dear Friends, Dan Wilkinson, ZL2AB, informs me that ZL loses a portion of the 3.5 Mc. band at 3500 Kc. and 3600 Kc. New allotment will be 3500 Kc. to 3600 Kc.

Information has been received that a National Society has now been formed in Chile, and it is hoped to thereby group the Radio Clubs presently scattered all over that country. The new association is styled the Asociacion de Radio Amadores de Chile (A.R.A.C.) for short and has established its QSL Bureau with QTH as Box 5220, Santiago, Chile. Our good wishes are extended to the new body.

The Gothenburg Radiomateur Society—G.R.S.—have decided to issue a QSL certificate on a world-wide amateur. Conditions are: Contacts with Gothenburg Amateurs since 31st December, 1932. Two stations in Gothenburg must be worked—the same one on two separate bands. W.I.T. sufficient confirmation must be had with three International reply coupons, must be sent to the W.G.S.A. Manager, S.M.G.D., Gothenburg 8, Sweden. A list of Gothenburg stations is held at the Federal QSL Bureau.

An additional new award is the A.R.I.'s Certificate del Mediterraneo. Requirements are: (a) Certified contact with 22 countries washed by the Mediterranean Sea. (b) Certified contact with 30 provinces of the Italian Republic. (c) Contact may only be had with fixed stations and must be dated subsequent to 1st June, 1932. Three International reply coupons must accompany the application for the certificate which should be sent to the A.R.I. Manager, Genova 10, S. Paolo 10, Milan, Italy. Confirmations, however, can be sent to the Federal QSL Manager for certification, thus avoiding the expense and risk of forwarding them overseas. A list of the Provinces of Italy are held at this Bureau.

FIFTY MEGACYCLES AND ABOVE

N.S.W. V.H.F. GROUP

50 Mc.: There has been very little activity on this band of late, we must use this band if we want to hold it. The usual few are holding the fort. Some country activity is noted, Crief 2XO has 24 hour link with Peter 2PA with signal S8/9. 2JK has been heard in Lismore at strength 9. 7 Mc. gossip has it that at least four chaps are preparing for 6 mx.

144 Mc.: As usual, this band is very active, and becoming increasingly so in the country areas. These country chaps are doing a good job. Country areas north report, 2AAM flying to Urunga with 2 mx gear with 2w, hopes to contact Urunga boys, he is flying at 8,000 ft. 2JK re-building 2 mx gear for mobile use. 2ADN/M QSOed 2XO over 15 miles at good strength. 2PA and 2AHH on 2 mx with super regens and mod. osc. Western activity, Bill 2ACT (Dubbo) QSOed Norm 2JW (Orange), 2BT (Young) has QSOed 2TA. This is good work.

2AMV/M visited Sydney and Wollongong, working 2 mx all the way, he had many contacts including 2ANF, 2HO, 2LZ, 2LS, 2APQ, 2WJ. John was last heard at Medliboth. He had an excellent signal even while travelling fast. 2AXS is on 2 mx with an 829, so keep a lookout for him.

2DB and 2ALO spent their holiday at the top of Mt. Gibraltar, Bowral, working 2 mx gear, both having separate tx's and rx's, and each in separate locations on the mountain. They also had 7 Mc. gear. They put fine signals into Sydney, S9 plus. 2HE is re-building new portable gear and should be about soon. 2BQ of Tumut has QSOed Hugo 2WH at Forbes. 2ACT has QSOed 2EI (Parkes) —this is all of 60 miles.

John 2ANF has worked 2WH with n.b.f.m. both ends, it proved successful. Joyce 2AMJ has been working on 144 Mc. and has a good signal (mod. osc.), she is on the h.f. end. Ralph 2ARM is now among the big signals on 144 Mc. and has excellent quality; he is using 3 x 3 beam. Perc 2APQ has also a fine signal and nice quality. 2GU and 2PM have been active from Canberra and heath at week-ends.

2ANF has contacted 2ACT and 2AMR (Dubbo) quite a lot of late, with signals varying from S3 to 5. Good going boys, 2WH and 2ANF now use f.s.k. and n.b.f.m. as well. 2AJZ and 2ABD have worked 2WH a number of times, signals S3 to 6. A lot of interest is now given to n.b.f.m. in Sydney and Forbes. To date good results have been had with this system, n.b.f.m. sigs being received at Forbes and Newcastle when a.m. could not be copied. Reception is being done mostly on slope, but at least three or four stations have discriminators (outboard units).

"The autumn field day" was a great success, and at least seven mobile stations were out in the field. Home stations were on the same footing re the gaining of points, at 1 point per mile. Some very good scores will result. 2ANF/M Mt. Tomai, 2ATO/M Mt. Pid-

dington, 2OA Mt. Boyce, 2YE Terry Hills, 2ABB Razorback, 2ABO/M anywhere on Mountains, 2JW Mt. Canobolas, 2AGL/M Blackheath. There were 31 stations participating. The results were not out when this went to press.

Most all above stations have or are building xtal control converters and operate on xtal tx's.

We apologise to all for missing the press last month. With our new President, Bob Winch 2OA, the V.h.f. Group held a meeting on 1st May, there was a very good roll-up. Business was discussed and then a recording of the activities of a major Civil Defence Emergency Network practice was played back to the Group. This was received well, and apart from its entertainment value, proved quite instructive. Two recordings were played and we thank John 2JU and Berry 2ABB for a really fine effort. All agree that there should be more of this.

The C.D.E.N., incidentally, is now well under way and many practices, both major and minor, have been conducted. All have been successful. We would like to hear from anyone interested in this movement on 144 Mc. News of this movement each month from now on will come under C.D.E.N. News.—2HO.

VICTORIAN DIV. V.H.F. GROUP

The final contest field day in the series took place on 26th April and a number of 2 mx portables were active from mountain locations despite rather

unsettled weather. 3NW returned to his old hunting ground of Mt. Donna Buang. Country stations portable were 3UI and 3ZL. 3ADU and 3VS operated mobile during the early evening.

To stimulate interest and activity with gear suitable for civil defence communication, mobile work on the v.h.f. bands is being encouraged. It has been proposed to hold a "fox" hunt on 144 Mc. The mobile equipped "fox" car to be located by the other mobile operators with the assistance of fixed stations. It is possible to get fairly simple gear going for mobile work on 144 Mc. A crystal controlled tx with three valves, one a modulator, and a rx consisting of a converter into a super regen second detector makes a suitable set-up. There are other possible combinations, the main thing being to get something going.

The next V.h.f. Meeting will take place on 17th June in the Institute Rooms at 8 p.m. The agenda item is a talk by Kevin 3AMB, on hearing aid techniques. He will have equipment to illustrate his lecture. This should be of interest to those contemplating construction of miniature equipment. You are welcome to attend these meetings whether on the v.h.f.s. or not. If you have a friend interested in radio, bring him along.

An American Amateur magazine reports that W4AO, of Virginia, recently succeeded in getting 144 Mc. signals through to W3LZD, of Pennsylvania, by means of moon reflection. This is quite an achievement although apparently two-way QSOs have not as yet taken place.

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VK3IM reports openings on 5 mx to VK4 on the 11th and 21st of April.

288 Mc.-3PO and 3BL are constructing gear for portable work. They plan a trip to Mt. Buminyong early in June. No news from the Geelong area, but 3APK did propose coming on. 3IM expected on band with crystal controlled tx. 3QO has gear but it's not being used. 3AAF and 3AFJ are experimenting with vertical and horizontal polarisation. 3ALK has built another rx and now hears signals at home QTH. Stations in the Essendon area are known to be active, but no reports have been had from any of them.

Some general remarks on the 8 mx band may be of interest. Each year since VKs occupied this band there have been many Interstate and ZL contacts due to sporadic E propagation, which has been confined mainly to Nov. through to Feb. In the northern hemisphere the most active period for sporadic E contacts on 50 Mc. is May through to Aug., which is, of course, their summer season. It is of interest to note that the American Amateur magazines prior to the war reported many long distance contacts through this type of propagation in the 56-60 Mc. band. Although only limited reports are available, apparently pre-war VKs observed signs of it on the same band. The first 50 Mc. Interstate QSO was made on the 5th Dec., 1946, by 3MJ and 2NO. It wasn't long before all States and ZL were contacting one another. Although it is not suggested that Sporadic E was involved here, a notable 50 Mc. contact was that on 26th Aug., 1947, between VK5SKL and W7AKS/KH6. Subsequently, further KH6 and VK9 contacts occurred. Much has been achieved, but there is room for more activity. Don't forget that the v.h.f. bands have plenty of operating space.

Following a suggestion that distances worked on 144 Mc. and above may be of interest, some of the long haul contacts are given. Dealing with 144 Mc., we would first like to acknowledge the fine performances of VK2AH—ZLSAR and VK6GL—VK6BO in Dec., 1951. The distance in each case is in the region of 1,325 miles. This is close to the American record which is about 1,400 miles. In the case of VK3, the longest distances worked are: For 144 Mc., 312 miles by 3MV (portable at Mt. Buminyong) to 7PF and 7LZ, Launceston. On 288 Mc., 3ANW at Sassafras worked 3BD, 17 miles. On 580 Mc., 3ANW at Donna Buang contacted 3AKE, 90 miles; and on 2300 Mc., 3ANW at Sassafras worked 3XA, 10 miles.—3ABA.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

"Look out for 98 Mega" is the expression of caution passed on by the afflicted v.h.f. Ham to his brother adventurer. So went my blessing to Tom as he departed for Renmark, and I wasn't very surprised when a few days later a parcel arrived and inside—you've guessed it—a loop of wire attached to a small condenser and a lamp, the lowly absorption meter, with a slip of paper which read: "I see what you mean about 98 Mc!" That simple contraption is a must in the Ham shack before any v.h.f. work is embarked on and grid dip osc. notwithstanding. A grid dip osc. can indicate resonance very well indeed at

v.h.f.—so well indeed that it can turn out to be the filament connections! Enough words of wisdom on that count. I can still remember a station calling another VK5 one Saturday afternoon and then discovering to his horror that he was about 15 cycles away from the f.m. station!

Jack 5LR is still making use of the bands and hopes to have worked five VK3 stations by the end of June if they will come on to the band. Keep it up Jack, you've got a copper in 5CA. Brian's a night owl though and delights in late sessions over cups of tea. Even Joe 5JO sticks to Sunday morning by preference and can be pretty sure of a contact then. Where's Les 5AX? There is no excuse for you now Lance, no fires, no holidays—what about a 6 or a 2 mx signal from that tower, CQ DE 5XL. Clem 5GL very active these days, getting ready for the predicted break through on 2 mx (predicted SXU, "A.R." May, 1953). Yes, my friends, he is building a tape recorder to make sure that he can play back his next feat, to keep his interest when the bands die. Or maybe it's because Bill 5HD has that tower completed with a 6 mx, a 2 mx 4 over 4, and a 1 mx Yagi all ready and fired up for future reference.

I was rather interested in his preference for horizontal polarisation on all bands, so curiosity getting the better of me, I resorted to the "g-g" and found: Vertical polarisation preferable for local contacts, less fading, better over sea water, less troubled with ground reflections; horizontal polarisation, subject to quick fading at distances up to 100 miles due to multi-reflections from the discontinuity of the air layers up to 5 miles high, but even pegging with v.p. for dodging reflections off high terrain, and h.p. has better discrimination against local man-made QRMM. For long distance work, i.e. F2 layer or sporadic E, there is no preference. Makes you think (U.K. uses v.p., whilst U.S.A., h.p.) For me, it's easier to build a horizontal array and swing it round my pole top.

Perhaps Ross 5AJ will publish his findings one day as he still seems to find time to chase 2 mx waves as well as "brain waves." Haven't heard Jack 5VJ or Wally 5DF on 6 or 2 mx yet, but since they report on my 3.5 Mc. transmissions, I must give them a mention and a word of cheer. Next month I'll be able to pass on more words of wisdom as by the time you read this, Clem 5GL will have delivered his lecture on "V.h.f. Technique," and since he has a reputation to uphold, I'm looking forward, as of writing, to his dissertation.

The South East has hibernated—may be I was meant to pass out the news bit by bit, Col? Don't let me down boys, do something! Even 5RO when I asked him how the Q/40, etc., was going, admitted that he "wasn't doing much these days." Maybe we could do with that Technician Licence! Reg 5RR consistent on 288 Mc.

My faith has been boosted—latest flash—(5MD note). 5PS is leaving the tax band wagon and is migrating to 288 Mc with the usual mod. osc. and super regen. I've hauled out the 1143A and dusted the cobwebs off it so that 5QR, 5GL, 5HD and yours truly can work him on xtal. Maybe!—5XU.

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South Australia

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3HW—H. M. Watson, 82 Glyde St., Albert Park.
3PU—R. G. Roper, 27 Leslie St., Woodville.
3RG—R. S. Gurr, 32 Elder Ter., Dunleath Gardens.

Tasmania

3UW—S. H. Patterson, 39 Mack St., Burnie.

Territories

1BA—H. A. Fiebig, Macquarie Island.

1RL—R. L. Fraser, Macquarie Island.

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2UG—Flat No. 2, 38 Maroubra Rd, Maroubra.
2WB—37 Eastview Avenue, North Ryde.
2ALN—Shelley Beach, Lighthouse Rd., Port Macquarie.

2AFG—16 Waringal Street, Manly West.

2AP—Edgar Street, Coffs Harbour

2AQR—30 Weir Road, Warragamba Dam.

Victoria

3DV—1 Eckford Street, Dandenong.
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3ZC—2 Balaclava Road, Frankston.

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3RB—Marion Street, Bulleen.

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3ZU—220 Balaclava Road.

3AME—18 Mitchell Street, Traralgon.

3ALZ—19 Mantle Street, Moonee Ponds.

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Western Australia

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6ATB—183 Shenton Road, Geraldton.

6CA—3 Main Street, Carnarvon.

6KD—Coomeraup.

Tasmania

7AZ—Clarence Street, Bellarine.

Territories

9FK—C/o Department of Civil Aviation, Lae, T.N.G.

DELETIONS

New South Wales VKs 2AKC, 2ANI, 2ASF.

2ATB, 2AWT, 2AWT (now operating under VK4WTF).

Victoria VKs 3PR, 3QV, 3ABT, 3AEF, 3AML, 3AOK.

South Australia VKs 2AS, 2LP, 2PQ.

Tasmania VKs 7GK, 7SK, 7XO.

Territories VKs 1RG (now operating under VK5HKG), 1SW.

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ERATUM, VK-ZL CONTEST RESULT

The score of VK5CE was incorrectly shown as 182 while it should have been 399. This means that the top VK5 station is now VK5CE instead of VK5LC, who is now in second position.

DX NOTES BY VK7RK*

Brief comments on three different items serve to open the record of DX dous for the month. The first concerns our newest acquisition—the 21 Mc. band. After a full year of operation, it seems to me that this band is developing into an almost exclusively phone band and that is not good. Don't get me wrong—I enjoy a share of phone operating almost as much as c.w., but have heard on this band many QSOs just simply die when they could have been quite successfully concluded on c.w. By all means use phone and long life to the tonsils, but don't forget the lower 150 Kc.; given activity, the DX will look for c.w. and see the country list grow.

The second one is in almost similar vein and deals with the old, old complaint. Phone in the c.w. section, but this time its 3.5 and 7 Mc. the sufferers. That 50 Kc. is narrow enough now with a few S9 signals and I'm sure that if the few offenders would just exercise a little more thought and screw the v.f.o. dial a little higher, everybody would be much happier.

The third came from overhearing a JA ionospheric prediction expert stating that the sunspot minima would occur somewhere between next September and November. Knowing that the "up slope" is far steeper than the "down slope," it seems as though after those dates we can look forward to ever improving conditions which, as you will agree, is really something.

3.5 Mc. hasn't really been getting the attention it warrants, but maybe the QRN has been just as high elsewhere as here. Eric BERS195 provides the only two calls—OK1KTW and SM8VC, both 2045Z to 2115Z.

7 Mc. is getting the bulk of listening by BERS195 and the calls heard this year now total 89, 63 of which were heard in April. Some of the pickings are MP4BBL, Y12AM, FA3YY, FA8JO, FA8VN, CT3AV, GD3IEQ, OA4ED, CN8BJ, UJ8AG, CR8AF. Eric also heard and sent a report to FN8AD so in time we may know for sure if the current one is still OK.

2Q1 couldn't leave the game alone for long of course and before bigger and better things appear is making out very well with a modest 15w. Frank lists CT1DJ. XE2KZ, K4PC4, KPAHK, YU1AHL, DL4DT. The QRP worked all Continents except South America in one week-end. A very informative letter arrived right on the deadline from 9YY. Thanks Alan. The 7 Mc. debut was made with a 400 ft. long wire antenna and in the few breaks of QRN piled up a sizeable list of Ws plus KG6* and KW8BB*.

7K8 put in a couple of appearances around breakfast time, mainly looking for an FF8 QSO, but quite a lot of interesting calls heard, such as YU3AKL, FF8KBD, FA8JO, Y12AM, ST2MF, SP8KAD, M13KW, EA3JE, OK3AL, 11AWP, FA8JO, SL6CE, SM5AAQW, FF8QJ, UB5KBR, OQ2KAA, HB8KC, IT1TKK* plus, at more respectable hours, FF8AK, W, VE, KG6 and KL7.

The American Novice Licensees can be heard most evenings on 7175-7200

Kc. and, considering their maximum power is 75w, put in some fine signals. Haven't as yet worked one, but suggest that if you don't get an answer to a CQ on your own frequency, try a listen in that section of 25 Kc.

14 Mc. has been very patchy. Early in the month, some good openings were observed but later it faded again. Evenings and night here have been hopeless. 3AHH* QSOed on c.w., 11ARK, VP3BCK, XE2KZ, KA6J, YU3BCB, PJ2AJ, OH5NK, KZ5FI, ZC4IP, LA4KD, GM2FHH, ZB1BU, VP7NS, YN1OC, HH2FL, SV1SW plus the usual Ws and other Europeans. 2Q1 included a new one in the shape of FQ8AP* and others were ZS2BC*, VP7NS, VP7HH, HRIKS. 9YY also made the 400 ft. antenna perform on this band by working DU1DO, KL7AO, LA4KD, SM5OS, OH2VZ, VS6CI, VU2GM, VS2DH, LU3FG, DL1DX, GI4RY, FA8IH, ZB1BU, CR8AF, CE4BX, HB9AO and many others which must make that DX C.C. look a whole lot closer now. Activity is confined to evenings owing to power being off all day and after 2330 local time.

2AOU been doing a lot of work with antenna and modulation changes, but did find time to hear on phone OH2OV, KG6AEX, I1WN, YV5AB, DL4EA, VSTFG, FA8HS, CP1AV, VK1AF. 7RK also been playing antennae and the first QSO on the new T2FD was with ZS2BJ on phone. Other listings on phone were VK1HM, ZS8BW, KM6BE, VR3C and W8* c.w. provided LU8EE, FK8AO*, FK8AE, FK8AL, YN1OC, and KJ6FAA*. Some excellent W signals are available long path around 2200Z.

21 Mc. has provided a lot of interest during the month. 2AUW sets the ball rolling by making WAC in one week-end. The difficult Continent now seems to be Europe, openings being few and poor. On c.w. Walter worked SM5CO, KA9AA, CRSAH and on phone W8BHW, KH6YL, HP2FL, HRIBG, CP5AB, HC1RE, YV5AB, DU8IV, VS6BE, TI2TG, TI2RC, VQ4AQ, and heard VR2CG and CE1CQ to bring the total to 43 worked.

3AHH* on c.w. worked Ws and XE1JC; on phone KZ5CP, HC1FS, WBNZX, KZ5WZ, HP2FL. VK6s have also been active on this band as evidenced by SFL who, apart from putting in a terrific signal here, has under his belt ZS7C*, VS7JB*, HP3FL, TI2RC, QO6*, VSS*, KZ5*, VQ4*, ZB* and ZS*—all on phone. Here, most of the time was spent listening. One that eluded on c.w. was FU8AA and also heard HRIBG, TI2RC, ZE2JE. W6AL was audible here almost all of one Sunday at S9, being the only W. Maybe his kw, plus a three element rotary atop a 91 ft. tower was largely responsible.

25 Mc. 4XJ is now the possessor of a three element rotary 40 ft. high. Just to prove its efficiency, has worked 48 stations in 12 countries during the month. Many KH6s and Ws plus DU7SV, W3HKE/MM at Luzon, VK9GW, XE2WE on several occasions, KX6BB, KR8CY, KA5JA, CO2KC, KZ5AE, KZ5AL, KZ5HO, HP3FL and the meager few who got away were HP1HO, KP4TO and CO2PF. All of course were on phone.

QSLs to hand are—JAHH: HS1VR, VK1AH, PJ2AJ, KG4AF, ZAOU, LU3PF, SP1KAC, DU1TP, VS1ES, CE6AO, 2Q1 (for VK4 operation), HK4DP, CE7ZQ, FM7WF, VQ1RF, FB8ZZ, KC6QY, PJ5RE; brought the 4QL total to 156 confirmed. **BERS195:** CN2AS, FQ8AP, OK2BD (3.5), PJ1UF, SP2KGA, YI2FD, ZC4RS, 5A3TR, 9S4AX (7 and 14 Mc.), DL7AJ (3.5), H5PP, W41GH/VO4, ZE5JL, HK1DZ, HRIKS, PJ2AA, VR4AE, VSSAW, 9YY, DU1CV, W86CL, LU3FG, FO8AB, KZ5GH, FA8IH.

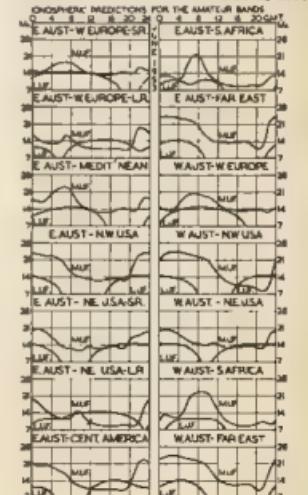
Some QTHs of interest are:—PJ2AJ—Colony P.O., Lago Oli and Transport Co., Aruba, Neth. Antilles. HC1CS—Box 1, Quito, Ecuador. VP7NS—Box 45, Nassau, Bahamas Is. YN1OC—Box 483, Managua, Nicaragua. HP3FL—Box 76, David, Panama. HH2FL—Box 153, Port-au-Prince, Haiti. KM6BE—Navy 3080, Box 18, F.P.O. San Francisco. MP4C/C. MP4KAC, C/o. Kuwait Oil Co., Ahmad, Kuwait.

A few random jottings fasten first, on doubt as to the authenticity of CSEF whose card from 9YY was returned as unknown. 9YY also tells of a "Pacific Islands Monthly Net" run by the magazine of the same name at Q100Z, 0700Z, and 1900Z. Pacific Islands stations call CQ PIM for 15 minutes for QSO with island stations only and only listen for DX after that. May be a chance to snag some of the rarer ones. Alan does not mention bands, but I imagine 7 Mc. The Easter Island expedition still seems somewhat hazy, but CEDAA still planned in minds. FO8AD expected to leave Rapa Is., but now will be there another year. VR8AC reported active on Pitcairn but haven't heard him.

Known active ZM stations are ZM6AA, Box 23, Apia; ZM6AB C/o, Apia Radio; ZM6AC C/o, Observatory, Apia.

Thanks gang for the help this month.

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AMENDMENTS TO 28th FEBRUARY, 1953

In all places where mentioned, delete "Chief Inspector (Wireless)" and insert "Assistant Director-General (Wireless)."

Page 3, para. 2: Delete the definition of "duplex operation." Insert the following: "Third party" means another person besides the two principals (one of whom is at the transmitter and one at the receiver)."

"Broadcasting station programmes" means programmes broadcast by stations operating on the medium frequency broadcast band, i.e. 535 Kc. to 1605 Kc., but, in remote areas where, because of unsatisfactory medium wave reception, it is usual for listeners to rely on programmes originating from high frequency broadcasting stations situated within the Commonwealth or its Territories, such programmes are also to be included in this definition."

Page 4, para. 15: Delete. Insert: "An application to install and operate an Amateur station at a Department of Navy, Army, Air or Supply establishment, depot, camp, etc., may not be considered unless the approval, in writing, of the Department concerned has previously been obtained. In the case of the Departments of Navy, Army and Supply, such approval may not be recognised unless issued by the Central Administrations, Melbourne. Authority in this connection has been delegated by the Department of Air to Area Headquarters in the States concerned. The question of the operation of an Amateur Station on Department of Civil Aviation property is a matter between the Regional Director concerned of that Department and the applicant."

Page 6, para. 29: Third line, amend to read: "Their use for instructional purposes is confined . . . etc."

Para 32: Amend to read: "An Amateur Station Licensee may transmit in English and receive in any recognised language, plain language messages . . . etc."

Para. 33: Fourth line after "direct or indirect," insert: "or any matter of a commercial character."

At end of paragraph, insert: "The relevant regulation under the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1905-1936 concerning this matter reads as follows: "56(3). The Licensee of an Amateur Station shall not, except in the case of an emergency and with the consent in writing of an authorised officer, undertake the transmission or reception of messages for third parties"."

Para. 36: Third line after "emanating from other Amateur Stations," insert: "irrespective of the frequency of the originating transmission."

Insert new paragraph: "36A. Subject to certain conditions, permits to record and re-play transmissions from other Amateur Stations operating in the Amateur frequency bands below 50 Mc. are issued to the licensees of Amateur Stations by the Superintendent, Wireless Branch, in the various States."

Insert new paragraph: "36B. The licensee of any Amateur Station may, in the Amateur frequency bands of 50 Mc. and upwards, record and re-transmit transmissions from other Amateur Stations operating in these bands. The equipment so employed must be capable of producing recordings of high quality. Re-transmissions made at the request of an individual station are to be limited to a period not exceeding five minutes in the aggregate in any one day."

Page 7, para. 42: Fourth line, after "licence or special permission" add: "In this connection, due regard must be paid to the provisions as indicated in paragraph 15."

Para 43: Delete following portion: "In certain cases . . . three months." Insert in lieu thereof: "In certain cases, temporary permits to operate portable or mobile stations within any of the authorised Amateur frequency bands below 50 Mc. may be granted for a period normally not exceeding three months in any one current year of the licence."

Para 50: Delete. Insert: "An Amateur Station Licence may be granted to a radio officer, or other qualified person, to operate an Amateur Station on board an Australian ship on which he is employed, if the approval of the Master of the vessel is obtained. Such a licence confers the right to operate the station at all times except while the vessel is anchored in any harbour, or moored to any wharf or pier belonging to another Administration. Permission to operate the station while so located must be obtained from the Administration concerned."

Para. 53: Delete. Insert: "Any person who has been licensed by a foreign Administration to install and operate an Amateur Station on board a ship, yacht, etc., shall not operate his station while the vessel is anchored in any harbour or moored to any wharf or pier in Australia or its Territories without the approval, in writing, of the Assistant Director-General (Wireless)."

Page 11, para. 48: After the word "Persons" add: "Electrical wiring associated with Amateur installations must comply with the safety standards demanded by the Electrical Supply Authority concerned. In addition, licensees must take all other reasonable precautions considered expedient for the particular installation."

Para 59: Delete "166" in the last line and substitute "144".

Page 12, para. 95: Add: "While single components such as valves, transformers, etc., capable of handling power in excess of that authorised shall be permitted for use in Amateur Stations; unless prior permission has been obtained from the Superintendent, Wireless Branch, no combination of such components may be so used."

Para. 96: Delete all figures and substitute the following:—

| | | | | | |
|--------|-------|-----|--------|---------|-------|
| *1.84— | 1.86 | Mc. | 1288 | 296 | M.C. |
| 3.5— | 3.8 | " | 576 | 685 | " |
| 7— | 7.15 | " | 1,215 | 1,300 | " |
| +14— | 14.35 | " | 2,300 | 2,450 | " |
| +21— | 21.45 | " | 5,850 | 5,850 | " |
| 26.96— | 27.23 | " | 10,000 | 10,500 | " |
| 23— | 30 | " | 21,000 | 22,000 | " |
| 50— | 56 | " | 30,000 | Mc. and | Above |
| 144— | 148 | " | | | |

* Available for emergency network purposes only. Normal Amateur activities are not permitted in this band.
† Temporary allocations.

Para. 102: After "Pulse" emissions add: "N.F.M.—Narrow band frequency modulation telephony. Transmissions to be confined within plus or minus 3 Kc. of the quiescent carrier frequency."

"Type A3a waves. S.S.S.C.—Single sideband reduced carrier telephony."

Page 13, para. 105: Amend to read: "The types of emission at present available for use by Amateur Station Licensees, and the frequency bands to which their use is restricted, are as follows:

| | | |
|--|-------------|--|
| A1 (keyed c.w.) | A3 (speech) | A3a (single sideband reduced carrier), |
| | | and N.F.M. (narrow band ± 3 Kc.) |
| —All authorised frequency bands. | | |
| F.M.—All authorised frequency bands above 25.90 Mc. | | |
| A2 (m.c.w. only)—All authorised frequency bands above 50 Mc. | | |
| A0 (c.w.) and Pulse (unmodulated)—All authorised frequency bands above 144 Mc. | | |
| A1 (keyed c.w.) and A3 (speech)—1,840 to 1,880 Mc. (Emergency purposes)." | | |

Insert new paragraph: "105A. Where pulse transmission is employed, the length of each pulse and the nature of the emitted wave-shape shall be such as to restrict the radiated sidebands within the limits of the Amateur frequency band in which the transmission is taking place."

Para. 110: In second and last lines delete "166"; substitute "144".

Page 14, para. 111: Delete the words "and duplex" from both the heading and the second lines of this paragraph. Delete also the words "In the case of duplex operation" from the fourth line and the word "However" from the fifth line.

Page 15, para. 121: (e) delete "(except 0 or 1)".

Page 16, para. 129: Delete "166"; substitute "144". Add new paragraph: "132A. Provided that portable and/or mobile stations which are using telephony indicate their location (including the State) at the end of the initial call and immediately before conclusion of a session, as required by paragraph 132, the suffix '3/3', '2/2', etc. (to indicate the State from which operation is taking place), may be added to the station call signs for intervening calls and the word 'portable' or 'mobile' may be omitted 'therefrom.'

Page 25: Appendix 3, in third line, delete the word "Assistant" and amend address to read "340 Collins Street, Melbourne, C.1."

Page 27: Delete "Duplex Operation . . . 2,111".

Page 28: Under "Mobile Amateur Stations" add further paragraph "132A".

Page 29: Under "Portable Amateur Stations" add further paragraph "132A". Under "Pulse transmissions" add further paragraph "105A". Under "Recordings Retransmission" add further paragraphs "36A, 36B".

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experiment. The items were quickly ratified with a couple of slight qualifications and then a lecture on r.f. choices, prepared and recorded on microfilm, was given by John Moore, who played. As a contrast, the President then played a tape recording of an actual meeting of the Victorian Division in which several of those in the audience in the production of "Amateur Radio" took their story.

The suggestion is that the recording of lectures should be undertaken for distribution to Branches and Country Groups. The reason is that a fundamental reason why they should not be distributed between Divisions if lectures of interest are recorded.

Useful criticism and suggestions were received from those present and it was generally agreed that the idea would very materially assist in the successful organisation of the Country Groups and the State Branches.

On the whole, it was thought that the microphone record was the more promising method.

Among the several notable visitors present was 4DO from Rockhampton, whom the writer used to work fairly regularly back in the middle twenties!

SOUTH WESTERN ZONE

Stewart IPL, at Griffith, is on the air again with a new tx and putting out a very good signal on 40 m. The gang might subscribe to a xmt. insert in place of the carbon mike. Since they use a long antenna, the 144 m. ZAP12, at Leon, on the band with the 144 m. bog, but pleased to hear you back again now Ray. Hope you have a good holiday on your trip. 4DO, ZEP2, and Ross ZPN, at Tumut, are converter builders for 44 m. and are always looking for contacts on that band.

AI 2BW, at Wagga, active mainly week-ends on 80 m, has plans for a beam on 144 Mc. about 60 ft. high. We now have a new Ham at Coolamon, Lynn Furrer, Associate, having recently joined the gang. He is still at the moment. Congrats Lynn, hope to work you soon. John ZAPQ, at Deniliquin, active on 80 m. with 16 ft. sig. Have not heard the Canberra boys for a long while. What's doing at the Capital city?

Peter 2A2P, at Montague, has had a sad loss. His father having passed on. The sympathies of the zone are extended to you and your family. Peter Jim ZT, at Montague, also heard on 40 and 80 m. 2AJO at Coolamon, has at least heard 2WII at Forbes for MC. Our talk is now up at Coolamon.

HUNTER BRANCH

The April meeting of the Hunter Branch was held at Maitland in the IHR Auditorium to hear a lecture on "Two Way Communications on V.H.F." presented by Mr. Page of Pye Radios. The lecture included demonstration contacts between a base station in the lecture room and a mobile tx touring round Maitland.

Thirty-eight members were present and the demonstration and lecture caused keen interest. The Urunga Convention, organized by the North Coast Branch of the W.L.A. was well attended by Hunter Branch representatives, there being twenty in the Hunter Branch contingent. The list of prizes was at the "Do" is impressive, comprising two firsts, one second and one third, which shows that the boys were well to the fore in the various contests. In the first 144 Mc. tx hunt, Harold ZAHIA was second and Shurtz 2NEX was third. In the second 144 Mc. tx hunt, Bill 2AEY was first and Ken 2NG came third.

The Urunga Scramble was the crowning glory for the Hunter Branch. This was a joint effort with Harold ZAHIA and Leo ZAOR (then an Associate member of the Climber and Antennas Erectors, Associate Supt. Daniell as log-keeper, Bill 2AEY as transpy provider and chief refueler for Ron 2ASJ, John 2JU, Dave 2EO, Cec 2KX and John 2GA as motor support, and Ron 2AEY as Ham with his portable on the mukie. Ron won the Scramble with a score of 40 contacts in one hour and also won the miles per watt prize by working ZLs on 5 watts.

Other Hunter Branch members at Urunga were Stan 2UY and Varley 2SP in charge of the hidden tx, Bruce 2SU and off-side Bill Nicoll, Ken 2KG and son Athol, Bill 2XK and family and Merv 2ALM who piloted plane up from Newcastle and stayed over night.

Harold ZAHIA and family continued on up the coast and has been working portable VK5 from Southport and Toowoomba. Dave 2SZ is reporting over 40 contacts in 144 Mc. Bert 2CN is now a DXer. Use him as a second op. Bert George 2AGD has acquired a new car, but still has time for QSOs on 40 m. ZANL still dabbling with tape recorders 2WP as a portable, also working on constructing new aerial tuning unit. Keith 2KQ working on a set of antenna masts for new shack. Any offers to assist? Hope he's on for the VK-ZL Contest. Two new Hams came on the air in April to swell the ranks of the Hunter Branch. They are Leo 2QB and Les 2AR.

Active in the Technical Committee Radio Club are Max 2OT, Leo 2QB, Les 2AOR and Associates, Jim 2KBB and Rodney Trout. Associates, Max 2OT, Jim 2KBB and Rodney Trout for anyone to look over. Associate Norm Stanley practising c.w. and expected to sit for the A.O.C.P. exam in the near future.

VICTORIA

The May meeting of the Victorian Division was held on 6/5/53, approximately 100 being present. Two very interesting films were shown. At these took most of the evening, very little time was left for the general business.

The President announced SGTY as the general in reply. Gua mentioned that he hoped to cut out a VK call sign.

Our hard working Secretary has been given three months leave of absence as pressure of business prevents him giving the attention to his honorary duties he would wish. In the meantime, Col FOY has stepped into the breach. How do these chaps find the time?

The President announced that the Uniform Constitutions consequently two extra controllers were required. Messrs. R. Bradshaw and S. Dixon have been appointed.

QSL Cards. In future VK3 cards for Interstates will be forwarded free of charge. This service is for VK3 members only, and will cover cards for New Guinea, Papua, Norfolk Island and Cocos Island as well as cards for Antarctic. As expected.

New Members. The following Associate Members were admitted to the W.L.A. at the last meeting. G. B. Lancaster, F. S. McKenna, N. W. Rogers. Welcome fellows, may it not be long before you are full members.

Towards the end of the month a winter hunt-brought forth a few less starters than usual, possibly because some of the usual participants did the right thing on Mother's Day. The tx was well run and the grand total at the Bentleigh Frontal Group's Field to air was 100. Don 2ALQ, whose time was 35 minutes, followed by Bob Hildebrand, 3NZ, 3VZ, Eric Hull and Morris Greenwood in that order. The final fix was within 25 minutes.

Towards the tail end of the month equipped with highly technical and secret devices arrived. This was thought to be an invader from space and the smiling faces of the drivers were seen, and the claim was made that they had the public showing off the "Three London Norway-D/F system. Len was so sure it was ultimate in D/F equipment that he played golf all Sunday morning, left the installation of the new gear to the experts and claimed that road tests were not made. In future, Len had better let PIY take control of proceedings.

All joking aside, I think that the time is ripe for a set of rules to be drawn up to cover future hunts. I'd suggest all starters to be honour bound not to exceed speed limits



Pictured above is Ron Stuart (VK2ASJ) and his home equipment. Also shown is the Cup he won in the Urunga Scramble at Easter. Ron made 40 contacts in an hour—really good going. (Courtesy of "Newcastle Morning Herald.")

and automatic disqualification of anyone whose average speed is higher than 75 m.p.h. taken over the shortest practical route. Further, operator-drivers to stop when taking bearings, times to be permitted to take bearings while in motion. Operators to take bearings at a distance, say one minute per mile deducted from their actual time, the corrected time to be used to ascertain final placings. Possibly my views will raise a controversy, but better that than a "fuss" over a question of whether or not anybody whose car is fitted with a loop.

Had the doubtful pleasure of meeting that fugitive from a Pulitzer Prize—the VK5 scribe. After studying him from all angles, decided to do without the T.S.A. Guess I'll have to settle for VK5.

Is it dignified for a Past President to be seen in public wearing kilts? 2AJZ gone off stew for life, not nourishing enough for a square dancer 2BKH experimenting with mobile gear going now, believe 2KX re-building. 2AATV LARV telescope building—any good for tx hunting? Ron 2AJZ about to do a little in the Queen's Service. 2AHH very happy with results on 21 Mc. 2JX has built new shack. But can't get 2KX to climb up in a room. The offer to help with the poles still stands. 2JANS proud Daddy of baby boy. Congrats to Ron and 2YX. Noel. Don't forget. No VK5 before Dispers! (How's that Mr. Parsons?)

Finally, don't forget the next Tx Hunt is on the 7th June, same arrangements as usual. Listen to 2W1 on the Sunday morning in case inclement weather necessitates a change in plans.

CENTRAL WESTERN ZONE

Main item of interest this month for the zone was the get-together at Warracknabeal on 25th April. 2 p.m. Sunday showed 2AJW (Lerect), 2APQ (Horsfall), 2BZ (Dimbrough), 2NN (Yanush), 2ATR (Warracknabeal), present with carloads of V.L.A., 2YX, and junior ops. Quite a representation of the zone and I think, record for the zone for mobile gear. Bill arrived with a portable transpy and a full gear. Better wait for a while Bill before you start drilling holes in the dash to fit it up front. Merv also had most of the station in the back seat and going well. Charlie had a very neat set-up which really beat out a signal.

Highlights of the day was the hidden tx hunt with Byron's box of tricks. With threatening weather the gang set off in all directions of the compass and after the passing of about 20 minutes, 2APQ and 2ATR converged on a loca-

tion down at the back of the high school. Both drove straight past it and commenced a search on foot about a hundred yards further on. The comment of two girls fishing in a nearby hole.

"There's something fishy going on here" aptly summed up the situation. However, after more cross bearings, both were within 100 ft. of one another, were abandoned for the final search. A final D/F by 2ATR neatly intersected a line of rustles in the bed of the Yarrambat Creek which on investigation the monstrosity was found to be a nestling.

Later, with the weather still threatening, the gang decided to adjourn to 2ATR's farm. But alas, a dark and stormy night, a wrong turning and 2ATR gone on ahead, and soon a search was on for the car. The car was found and signing 2BZ mobile and lost. However, a quick search to heart cast on 40 mxx soon put that right and the evening eventually went off quite well with the gang departing about 230 hours for their return home. The gang had a great time and had been shooting that zone hook-ups last held at 1930 hours instead of 1830 hours on Wednesday nights now winter is here, so to all you irregular attenders, if you don't hear us, stay an hour earlier in case a change has passed the vote.

NORTH EASTERN ZONE

Just lately it has been our pleasure to extend a hearty welcome to some new members in the zone. Jim 2BZ and Gordon 2BZ at Raymond Creek 32ZU and 32ZV and Gordon 2BZ who made a comprehensive survey of everybody and their activity before going away on six weeks' leave for your tour. Who was away for a fortnight.

Highly 2AJT was apparently bowing along with Ken 2KCR and Keith 2KJF and 2KJG to the DX with Syd 2CI breakdown on to 30 m. European with a Laky H. In the new equipment class are Alan 2CI with a low-powered tx to 2000 Mc. 2SP with a 200-watt 2SP and 2ZV. Jim 2BZ with 2ZV with a portable transpy under construction, and Jack 2EF modifying his portable gear. Howard 2YY is concentrating on tape recorders and Jim 2KJ is going on band.

Col 2WQ is doing a good job in encouraging some enthusiasts at Cobram to a participation in our privileges while Stan 2AGT is home building. Bill heard 2AJT, 2SP, 2ZV, 2ZD and 2ZV. 2SP has been heard running the Emergency Net hook-ups around this way from time to time. It is regretted that last month's notes, written by a volunteer while 2SP was away in Bairnsdale, went astray in the mail and hence did not appear.



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SOUTH WESTERN ZONE

The Zone Convention was held at Warrnambool on the 18th and 19th April. Members were welcomed at Bill Wines' home during the afternoon, and later twenty attended the Dinner at a leading hotel. During Dinner, Frank Z2U was farewelled, he is now in the North Western Zone. A tea to him followed in time before the Annual Meeting, this was won by John JAGD and rang. Office-bearers elected were President, SAGD; Vice-Presidents, JYW and E. Gladwin; Secretary, Bill Wines and Gidgins. It was decided to invite the W.I.A. to hold the State Convention at Ballarat this year and the zone hook-up to remain the same, 35 hours.

Sunday morning saw two to the hunt, the first was won by SAGD and SAKR, the second by JNA and 3EQ—a very late last minute entry. The zone's thanks go to Bill Wines for running the show. It was decided to hold the next Convention at Colac on the first available weekend in November.

Cec. JYW was seen leaving Z2U's with something that looked like a bird perch, look out chaps. S.S.S. on 144; anyway Cec., a hearty welcome to the zone. John JAGD and Kevin SAKR, not satisfied with a Convention, went hunting for more and then carbomed after having twenty-four hours of it at Warrnambool. Norm JEQ had Anzac week-end in Melbourne with YF and harmonica. QRM very bad down this way, so not much more QRM soon as Associate Gidgins has been on the job awaiting news, so hope to see you all on the hook-ups soon. John Adams is swotting code—won't be long now.

BALLARAT AND DISTRICT RADIO SOCIETY

The Annual Meeting of the above Society was held on 27th April and the election of office-bearers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. G. McCullough, JGM; Vice-President, Mr. M. R. Kingsbury, JI; Secretary, Mr. A. C. D. BELL, Treasurer, Mr. L. L. Lomax, JYW; Committee: Messrs. A. D. Karr, JAL; D. E. Thomas, Z2L, W. E. Sader, SAMH; G. S. Braddock, JAGL.

The Society is fortunate in having an excellent club room made available by the Y.M.C.A., which is used for the General Meetings and will be the location of the transmitter being installed by JYW as soon as the call sign has been allocated.

The membership of the Society now consists of 27 full members, 12 associates and 11 students. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month, the Society business being followed by Sydneian Barn, 10 am, and evenings lectures, via the local radio and electrical centres. Film evenings are held every quarter, under the direction of JSE, whom we thank for his efforts in this direction. Thanks are due to the members of the Society, Melbourne, for the supply of technical films.

Congratulations to our President, JGM, and Committee, Z2L, for their win in the W.I.A. V.H.F. Field Day.

QUEENSLAND

There has been some new faces added to the Council for this Division to look to your interests for the next twelve months. A good balance of old and new Councilors being established.

Since 4VJ has relinquished his job as President after doing a mighty job for nine years and has been relegated to that of Vice-President, your scribe being the other.

John 4FT becomes our new President and I know you all with him success. He is one of our older young members, and should be able to understand and sympathise with our problems with a little of that wisdom that is acquired with age. John is one of our consistent c.w. men on 14 Mc., though he does put out a bit of phone occasionally, and is always to be had on the telephone on either. As President, he keeps busy fellows, as I know he will enjoy hearing from you.

Paul 4WB is the new Secretary, another one of the younger men, though not so active on the air as some of the others. He is a radio man. He hopes to do his best in the job of Secretary. He takes over from John 4FT who has looked after us secretarily now for the last two terms, very successfully, and had to relinquish the job owing to his health forcing him.

Ray 4LW is the new Class Manager and has assumed the responsibility of Station Manager from 4TN. Ray is one of the younger set, so we should see some activity from these three, who by the way, are ex-members of our student classes.

Chas 4NC retains the Treasurership of the Division. Seems as if Charlie has a lifetime job of it, must be about the fourth term now, though he has no complaints.

Keeping it in the family, Clare is looking

after the outgoing QSLs. More power to you both there. Jack 4TF is still the man to worry for those rarer cards we have been looking for, as he is carrying on with the incoming QSLs. A more happier and obliging chap for the job I've yet to meet. I dip my hat to him.

Arthur 4AW is the Federal Councillor, and by the sound of it, will be hearing plenty from him during the year. Dictator hit. With

Arthur 4AW as traffic and emergencies, the two should have something cooking for us shortly.

Tom 4PD, to the boys in the country, is your rep. once again. With his genial smile and full of co-operation, I don't think you need worry about your end here, so don't forget to let him know what you expect of him.

Bill 4WF is again the Librarian. He expects you to do your bit by exchanging the books regularly with Bill, when not chasing the elusive DX. He always has a few rare chasers.

Ernie Moore assumes the rôle of student rep. Why, has me guessing, as Ernie has had this on now for countless years. It's about time you got the courage to get a ticket Ernie. Don't be afraid.

Aussie 4TN is handling public relations, and looking after any queries and what have you from all visitors to Brisbane who want to meet the gang. Don't forget him all you visitors to this zone.

John 4FW will assist our Secretary and handle the monthly distribution of "QXC" to be in the fray. Just can't keep a good man down.

There, briefly, is your Councillors and we hope for your full support and co-operation in the year.

The VK6 Contest in April seemed to be a success though myself couldn't devote the time owing to poor health. Please send in your logs. 4KXJ was the certificates holder and was the highest in the VK-ZL DX Contest last year. 4KXJ one for his log in the DX Contest last May. He also bobbed up in the outgoing QSL Contest with 317 cards, yours truly second with 200. 4KXJ is the one who will be with the incoming QSLs 188. How does he do it? The other places escape me at the moment.

A word of advice on the Contests. Get involved chaps with your support, such as very nice prizes are to be won by the successful contestants. Those who saw them at the Annual Dinner can vouch for this.

The Annual Dinner brings to mind the poor performance of the 1953 Contests. Most of the Brisbane crowd at the attendance was lamentable, and as one of the new Councillors, would like members' opinions on why they don't support these functions arranged for them. I am sure that a critical attitude is shed, shoot it along but let it be constructive. To those who were there, more power to them. To those missing, an extra good time was had, the drinking fraternity had plenty to keep them in high spirits. The top DX contest with a few competitions proved entertaining and popular. 4AW's secret sounds outside the Dyer Show. Your scribe collected three bottles of the best and to those interested, the damaged were burnt. 2774 was a welcome guest from Tasmania. He spoke on behalf of the country member, and was very interesting on his experiences in New Guinea. He also gave this "bol" a new country with a long awaited New Guinea condominium. Good luck to you, Royalists, your competition.

The speeches were varied and full of interest. To the scientific mind, the C.S.I.R.O. and I.R.C. representatives were very interesting. Mr. Andrews spoke on behalf of the R.I.T. Dept., and advised that they were considering to incorporate t.v.i. precautions in any new gear. So get out the dope and include it in that new rig, save a lot of rehashing afterwards, fellows. To those who were at the dinner, we will see you again next year. To those who were not, we hope to see your support is needed most in your Institute. Likewise, your attendance at the monthly meetings. After all, fellows, how are we to know of your interests if we see or hear of them? Don't hide your interests or your grievances behind your microphone switch. As Mr. Andrews, from the R.I.T. Dept. commented, "A strong Institute and an active membership is the key to the Amateur Radio". So what's that shape? In each one of us gets one new member, the Division will have 100 per cent. membership of Amateurs. If each one of the Brisbane boys attends at least four meetings a year, this can become a wide awake Division. The advantages are many and in these days of high prices the cost is very modest, for the interest taken on your behalf by the Amateur throughout Australia.

4KXJ has that worried look, boddling himself a c.r.o. Harold 4HG is taking his time with the new rig, the modulator is something out of the box, I'm told. Norm 4KD has been on vacation down the coast catching the biggies and the bigger ones that got away and missing the DX (what DX). Merv 4MW hasn't been

heard about the band and Jack 4SF has been putting a few extra hot spots in his rx to hear the better here! Can you, Jack? Maybe I'm deaf down here, conditions up that way have been slow owing to lack of signals.

Don't forget to send in your reports, your even 4G has been missing of a night from the 14 Mc. band. Occasional break through allowed a European or North American QSO. Managed a ZB on one afternoon and a few Gs were coming through from the good old days, but no sign of them the following afternoon. Heard 4RW getting amongst them. Harold 4HM seems to be consistent on the band and a few times I've fancied him giving it away in his QSOs. 4KXJ 4200 has been missing for a week, he has been working a few of the locals. Heard Jim 4OB putting out a very small signal with his brand new call. Chilla 4BD and Des 4TA also pounding the band. Clive 4CC has been trying to get a handle on the band and is looking for the perfect all-wave beam.

Being a c.w. mao, I haven't heard much of the phone gang so can't say much about the happenings on that end of the band. J. Mc. was heard on 1440, and a few more have been heard though at this QTH the noise takes over very often and likewise the 31 Mc. Well fellow, hope these notes are acceptable, not professing any literary aspirations or having any wit with my fellow scribbler from the B.H.S.S., till next month, good night.

Stop Press. Contest for June. The Brisbane gang will have a portable rally at the Pine River on the Sunday after the next meeting, 7th June. A hamper picnic and sporting fixtures will be held and offering so come along your portable gear and have a picnic, and let's make it small and portable, a rx will be on the spot. 4KXJ is the band suggested. Don't forget the hamper or the family. To think without a car, the Petrie train leaves around nine o'clock. You have to be in it to win it.

NOTES FROM NORTH QLD. BY A.W.L.

Well chaps, since the poppy that be asked me to provide officially the dining room at the North, here at the beginning of 1953, I must say that the task has been herculean, mainly due to the fact that none of my brother Ham's have done the right thing and let me know what they have done. I have had to leave it to you, don't forget the hamper or the family. To think without a car, the Petrie train leaves around nine o'clock. You have to be in it to win it.

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rather hard due to the fact that I have just purchased a new home in Townsville and moved the family there from Brisbane and thus have been mighty busy with things other than Ham Radio.

The most consistent Northerner heard on the band is Harry GPF, he has been here quite a deal of time on 14 Mc, and has also acquired 448's beam, the latter having been transferred south. Heard Harry rag-chewing with old cobbers at Macquarie Island, and otherwise been out in the recent rainy season, has now got going on 14 Mc and seems to be getting out as well as usual. Heard old Ted 4ZJ going to town with the 8th Hussars, and he has been heard here lately. Also heard a very rare Townsville-ite Edgar 4GF rag-chewing over the town on 14 Mc, still putting a mighty sig off with his 15 watt phone. Another local 4ZL has also come out to take a course of instruction in the R.A.A.F. You wouldn't believe it boys, his instructor is none other than Frankie Hine, ex-4GL, who is now back in VK3. Had a QSO with Frankie lately on 14 Mc. He has a new shack and is also considering whether to renovate his house or sell it and buy another. I wonder why?

Often meet Wally 4BU, of Stuart, and he tells me he is returning to try 144 Mc. He has his visibility from his place of tell and 4QN here and wants to try a link with me. Says also that he has a fully band-switched tx ready to go at anytime. Wally is also trying to get the Northerners to take a course together and it sounds like a good idea to me. I wonder if for my part I will be part in any way possible.

All my activities out here at Cheveden, when it is possible for me to be on the air, find conditions quite fair, although poor in comparison with the old days however 7 and 14 Mc produce W.A.C. almost anytime and on 144 Mc in the evenings. 41 Mc has produced a W.A.C. on phone but for that elusive South American, although it is easy to work Central America, such as TI, KZ, HP, etc. 28 Mc has produced occasional W contacts on phone and night, two or three Europeans were worked on phone.

I would once more like to remind the Northern lads, including VK3, PLEASE, we know when you are on the air, and if you are known going, send in anything you have been doing, even if it seems of no value to you. It is to the other chaps, so what about it chaps.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

As joint President and Chairman of the VK3 and VK5 Divisions "All right Barber, sit down, I can prove it." As I said before I was rudely interrupted, as joint President and Chairman of the VK3 and VK5 Divisions, it gives me much pleasure to resume writing the VK5 notes from where I left off. Many thanks to Barber for "What's got in?" The monthly general meeting for April was held in the clubroom to a capacity gathering, in fact it was overflowing, and when one realises that it was an unorganised meeting with its unorganised reports, balance sheets, etc, then it is more remarkable. Of course the nasty minded few suggest that it was because the President was away in Melbourne, but I can assure you the President "Sit down Barber! I can prove it!" But, of course, no decent minded person would even entertain that thought for a moment. I thank you, I thank you.

The details of the meeting are copied from the minute book by kind permission of H.A.W. and I will keep them to myself. I am not a naughty naughtie, but I am stuck with it and there you are! Gordon SXU occupied the chair and read the President's report. Jim 3FO read the Treasurer's report and everyone else and me chatted about everybody. Including the President, and a good time was had by all, I think! I was sorry that I was not there to hear the nice things that Les 3PN and Mr. Goldsmith said about me.

Associate member, Partridge, who is a member of the Coronation schoolboys tour, and at the time of reading this, right in the thick of things over there, thanked members present for their gift at the last meeting and also for their support of the Coronation on his return from England. A suggestion was made that a cricket match be played between the phone boys and the brass pounders, and also one between the Members and the wives. This was turned over to business to attend to. The Acting Chairman stepped down from the lofty heights and acted as projectionist for the excellent selection of films which were screened.

Our welcome visitor Cliff 4CG brought along a film of The Great Barrier Reef and it was a knockout. To prove his verisimilitude he then gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on single sideband working which laid every-

body in the sides. Jokes aside, he did a splendid job, he illustrated his points on the blackboard, and all and all showed that not only did he have a thorough grasp of his subject, but was able to impart it to his audience. A tremendous number that had the audience in the palm of his hand right from the start.

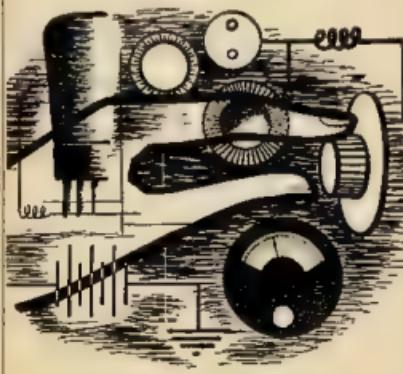
The meeting ended after 11 p.m., probably one of the latest on record and probably one of the best. Nice work fellows. Among the well-known visitors were Cliff 4CG, Harry SHS and his wife, Fred Goodwin, Mr. Hill, T. Maynard, H. Coglan, L. Russell, Mr. Phillips and one or two others who were a little coy. I believe that the Port Adelaide Fire Brigade arranged that no fires would occur whilst Harry SHS was at the meeting. Nice work fellows. Is there wasn't it?

UPPER MURRAY AREAS

SMA has commenced rack mounting his gear, at least he has the gear on the floor and the racks are pasted up. He has a large gear rack which will climb up into place in the rack case while Fred is away—hopeless! SMA can not find time to do more than put in a Sunday morning appearance on account of labor difficulties. The new radio room at the "Hobbit" is the "Skewagen" and Allen is still on. "Hobbit" SMAW has confounded all the critics, including me, by proving himself to be the most experienced and enterprising of the ever-persistent experimentalists. For further details of this back-room boy Harry to you, see details of the Upper Murray meeting night.

SBC has had very little to disclose lately, when Hughe did evince more than a passing interest in "How to reach 144 Mc" in two tubes he put into his hand. This article is an overseas publication and makes it look too easy. SBC has been working early and late on account of the fruit harvest. Murray is not a grower, but comes into the picture when he is in the orchard. He is a retired worker, he is on the salary sheet. At the moment radio is playing second place to a growing daughter.

STL started on a tx, alleged for 144 Mc, but accidentally smashed an RKS4. Tom's command of Esperanto suitable for the occasion made even "How to reach 144 Mc" look like a bore, but SCKW came to the rescue with another tube, but the tx is still not on 144 Mc. No doubt it will get there in good time but probably gets off the beaten track sometimes when



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it contacts Tom. By the way, Tom, that W.L.A. really that you left for me to deliver to Ross. Ross went first to Ross G.F.L. because the joker that was in there drew you in. I wonder what that was who it was to do to you. Wouldn't it?

The monthly meeting of the Upper Murray gang for April was held at the QTH of Fred SMA, and a good roll-up of the locals was in evidence. The principal speakers reported the following were present: EBC, SKW, SGP, SRE, STL and SMA, and some time was spent in discussing the work that had recently been completed by SKW. Harry had made a 6 mxa xtal control converter, which would convert to 144 Mc. to, and an almost completed 144 Mc. tx. The work completed was a credit to Harry and quite disposed of the ugly rumours and the joker said he "was doing nothing and had lost interest in radio". It was suggested that Harry had the right ideas and as he appeared to have plenty of time he might feel like doing a little of the work of the other fellows. Tom, the joker, also seemed pleased on the face of Harry gave the fellows a round of applause which could easily be explained in that direction.

My correspondent did not make any mention as to whether they did full justice to the goodness at the end of the meeting, but from my personal knowledge of one or two of them whilst they have been in the Club, I should say that Mrs. RMA was lucky to get the table-cloth back intact. My correspondent also refers to the fact that the Port Pirie gang have secured some new members, and I would like to add that a radio society, a farce to which I happen not to lay any claim to being responsible, and goes on to say that the Upper Murray gang have been holding meetings for the past year and feels that with a dozen or so members it has been hands in that time, to say nothing of the improved friendship between the boys which has eventuated from the meetings. To all this I heartily agree, and would like to add that all I have heard is true, and nothing to add that all Port Pirie gang so am not in a position to comment on their good work. I believe that Doc SMD has received a letter from the Rev. Cuthbertson DSD giving details of a new venture, but as I have not spoken to Doc it can't be sure, but I will have to turn my collar back to front and await results!! After all said and done, we Parsons must stand together. Did you get it? I am not averse to doing what you ask, you take a trip to VK3, sharp as a razor, that's me!!

I have always in my natural modesty known that as a President and Executive Officer I was, shall we say, "hot stuff," but just how hot I never realised until I arrived in Melbourne and was introduced to the various dignitaries and such, and I was asked to sit with a long story, I will give you the facts and let you judge for yourselves. The day I arrived in VK3 the Administrative Secretary (Mrs. Hurley) of the VK3 Division resigned and then at the Dept. of Com. Control, Canberra, Russell, SKX re-signed, together with all the other officers. Realising that a strong man was needed at the helm the meeting then asked me to take the chair and call for a new Chairman. In my usual quiet and stern manner I did as I was ordered and out of chaos there was born, ask you, am I over-suspicious or am I over-suspicious? Why this wholesale resigning because I am in VK3? Why did the Council all vacate their office? What was the reason? I am sure you know the end of each year. Well, well, well, some new modern ideas I suppose, I will have to tell the VK3 Council about this, I wouldn't like to think of you outstaying my welcome in VK3, what am I saying?

In the Federal notes of last month's magazine, the writer goes on to describe the Federal Dinner and states, I quote, "In addition to members, etc., the following notabilities were present": but what will he call me if he ever writes me up!

The 1953 VK3 Council office holders remains unaltered except for the position of Custodian of the Testaments, which now held by Doc SMD. This became vacant on the arrival of Frank SDW being transferred to VK3 and therefore being unable to handle the instruments any longer. We are sorry to see Frank go, he has always been a credit to VK3, though on the Council and off, and our loss will be VK3's gain. Best of luck, Frank, and don't forget to keep the VK3 filter in the rx when you attended a magazine committee meeting while in VK3 and don't mix the impressum with what I saw. The members of the Committee all know their jobs, and an air of efficiency is evident all the time. From my observations have come to the conclusion that I have been seeing the papers, of bulletins, potolos, etc., to the wrong joker, and in future will do my centipede act in a different direction, are you reading this Mr. Higginbotham, Sir? Don't be afraid to tell me, though, at the end of the table direct facing me, as a character obviously suffering from fistulosis or windy spasms, judging by the sneering look on his face, when never took his eyes off me all night. I enquired as to who he was from Tom SKX on our way home, and was horrified

to be told that it was the VK3 scribe, the one who has been so nasty to me in the VK3 notes. I went back to the meeting place the next day and spoke to him, presented a cigarette if necessary, and he said, "I found out that he had left just after me. Probably got the windup when he saw me muscular and well built I was. He was lucky, for two pins I would have poked out my tongue at him!!

SOUTH EAST AREAS

Associate member Ron Scott has been finding out quite a lot about disc and tape recording the hard way, that is to say he has bought a tape recorder and a disc recorder and made mistakes. The man who makes the most mistakes, Ron, is usually the most experienced in the long run. Brother, are I experienced!! STW is still trying various different arrangements in order to get the best out of the various results. I don't know what that sounds like to you Tom, but to me it looks like the old one about the dog chasing its own tail, or should it be tail? SGP is on the move again, this time to the 10 mxa xtal control converter, and will stay longer in the QTH. Claude, wouldn't it be cheaper to pay the rent than to be clogging up to the carrier all the time? You been up to me in my opinion.

Associate member Doc Pitt is busily engaged in converting a ZB2 rx with the idea of listening to the 3 mxa sessions. What's a ZB2 rx? Well er, er, it is, er, er, excuse me a second while you follow me, I have had some discs which I need copying and there isn't any DX about I'll be back never fear.

SMS has the 60 ft. tower finished and painted and all that is required now is some new bearings for the beam, and then Stuart will be in touch with the propeller blade manufacturers. Pardon me if I am getting a bit technical, but I have been to VK3. The walls of the shack of SKU are almost completed and Erg has been on 20 mxa c.w. quite a bit, although he has not had any reports. The main reason I am led to believe that a big re-building programme has been the cause of no news of the gliding, but both gliders are well under way and the 1953 spring should see a young man's fancy turn 100% to the VK3 gliders. Congratulations on your effort in the VK-ZL Contest OM.

Associate member Jack Fowler has been turning out uncountable numbers of converted FSDs for a nearby fire fighting unit, in fact his assembly line looks like G.M. almost anyone who has seen it would be inclined to stand in reverence as I make the next announcement. SJA is still "dishes before DX". John my heart bleeds for you, in fact I shed a tear, and if it were not for the dictatorship in my hand, I would make a sign right to DX and two contacts for the month to report, and there is some suggestion of it being dishes there too. Oh no, not you too John, come what may, I must truly make henchmen in this time of crisis. "I am very sorry dear, it was only one of the old cuts, Blimey!"

SCJ, despite the accusations of Pro SPS (SMD), has not been to the "Big Smoke" for quite some time and is not visiting there for several months, possibly October. Apart from skeds and a few additional contacts on 40 mxa, Colin SCJ has been very quiet. Incidentally, there is the biggest mismatch of all time. Pro SPS is still in the VK3 area, but Pro SPS is one Luna Park sign indeed! I have already had a letter from the proprietors of Luna Park alleging libel against the sign. Pro SPS, see you!

Most of us here in VK3 are at a loss to understand why there should have been any discussion on dignitaries due to the activity of putting into print the names of the various Divisional members of the Advisory Committees. Here in VK3 the members of the Committee realise that they are acting as buffers between the Head of the Department and us, and are there to do a good job for the Head whilst at the same time playing the game by the Department. After all, the Radio Amateur asked for the formation of this Committee, the Department did not form it on us, and it should be considered an honour to be selected for the Committee. The members of the Committee are not hangmen, informers, or servants of the Department, but are there to keep the grand old spirit of Amateur Radio in the present high plane, so why print the name?

The news that the Department has sanctioned the Technician license has caused a flood of enquiries as to the conditions, standards required, etc., from quite a number of people in all walks of life. It is reported that this license will be the means of increasing the membership of the W.L.A. beyond even the numbers envisaged by the most enthusiastic organiser. Don't be afraid therefore, if you receive any enquiries from anyone interested to point out that the Technician license was not granted to us just because the Department likes the look of us, but because the W.L.A. put up such a battle for it that it was able to convince the Department of the need for

the license. In this case the W.L.A. means Federal Executive, and it is to those shrewd men we go.

Talking of F.E. reminds me that I also attended a meeting of that august body, whilst I was in VK3, and whilst I am not going to comment on the members comprising the F.E. I am going to say that I had an entirely wrong impression of F.E., both as to its operation and also its functions. My visit to the meeting was an eye-opener, and I can only say that F.E. has recruited a staunch and loyal support for the W.L.A. and I am sure I might as well go the whole hog in self-abasement, I sincerely support the purchase of the filing cabinet. No kidding!

Anybody reading these notes would wonder if I was in VK3 or a VK3. Anyway as joint President of the VK3 and VK5 Associations help. This is where I came in.

The honourable President wishes me to refute the rumour that while in Melbourne, he was seen in the front row at the "Follies," he is also reported to definitely deny the fact that he borrowed the same sign that was used by the "race-caster" at the B.B.S.H. Does that get you out of a hole Warwick?—Editor.)

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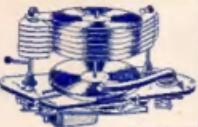
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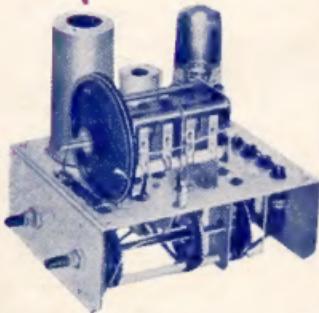
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